

Greenvale Primary School

September Newsletter



Key Dates:

September

Wed 4th - Y1 Meet the teacher

Thur 5th - Y2 Meet the teacher

Fri 6th - Y5 Meet the teacher

Mon 9th - Y4 Meet the teacher

Tue 10th - Y3 Meet the teacher

Wed 11th - Rec begin (am/pm)

Y6 Meet the teacher

Wed 18th - Rec in 8.50-2pm

Mon 23rd - Rec in full time

Y6 to PGL

October

Thur 3rd - Leadership / parent
coffee morning in the hall

Fri 11th - Y3 Harvest Assembly 9am

Welcome back to school!

A big welcome back following the summer break. We hope that you are well-rested and that your children are ready to start the term back at school. Please keep a note of the dates on the left hand side to ensure that you are aware of the key dates within the school calendar, taking consideration of the term dates and holidays. Feel free to also pass these onto grandparents, aunts and uncles to ensure that they do not book any 'surprise' holidays during term time. Every day in school is important and we want to ensure that your children are provided with the best opportunities possible.

Welcome Miss Kemp

A very warm welcome to Miss Kemp who will be teaching our Year 3 class for the 19-20 academic year. Miss Kemp joins us from Forestdale Primary School and will be a great asset to our school. She is also a former Greenvale pupil herself! I know that you will make her feel very welcome.



A sad start to the term

Over the summer, we received some very sad news regarding the passing of two very special ladies who had given so much to our school and community.

At the beginning of the summer we heard that Meena Dave had passed away after battling cancer and in the middle of the holidays, we heard that Mrs Holdsworth, the school's previous headteacher, had also passed after a battle with cancer.

Mrs Dave had served on the governing body for a number of years, serving on a variety of committees. We were delighted to hear that her daughter Diya performed incredibly well in her GCSEs scoring 8s and 9s across the board.

Mrs Holdsworth was headteacher of Greenvale up until 2012. Her commitment, hard work and dedication was clear to see by all that met her. Her high expectations, kindness and support to the community will be remembered fondly. Even in her retirement, Mrs Holdsworth regularly kept in touch with what was going on at Greenvale and was pleased to hear that much of the work and ethos that she created, remains at the school today. I am sure that you will join me in being grateful for everything that she has done for Greenvale and will ensure that her legacy certainly lives on at Greenvale.

If you would like to make a donation on behalf of these two very special ladies, you can do so by going to the Cancer Research donation page by [clicking here](#).



Meena Dave



Mrs Holdsworth

Meet The Teacher Meetings

We will be holding our meet the teacher sessions during the first couple of weeks back. Please see the timetable below. All meetings will take place in your child's classroom from 2.50pm and will last for around 20 mins.

We do hope that you will be able to attend these meetings as they will provide you with important information about the year ahead and will also make clear the expectations that your children will need to meet by the end of the academic year.

Year group	Date
Year 1	Wednesday 4 th September
Year 2	Thursday 5 th September
Year 3	Tuesday 10 th September
Year 4	Monday 9 th September
Year 5	Friday 6 th September
Year 6	Wednesday 11 th September

KS2 Stationery Shop

During the first week of term, Beth (Y6) will be opening the stationery shop in the playground each morning.

Please feel free to stock up on handwriting pens, green / purple pens (for self and peer assessment), rubbers and rulers.

Pencil cases should not be too large as children will need to store these in their trays. Please bear this in mind.

Labels



Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing is clearly labelled. Each week we are having to throw away a considerable amount of lost property as we are unable to return it to its owner.

It is always helpful if the children themselves know where their clothing is labelled. Thank you for your co-operation.

Tissues

As we will shortly be coming into cold and flu season, we would be very grateful for a supply of tissues. Please pass these onto your class teaching assistant at drop off in the morning.



New Menu at the Diner

There is now a brand new menu for the autumn term available on the school website. <https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/parent-info/school-dinners/>

Please note that there are now two separate menus to choose from (hot / cold). We ask that parents make their children aware of what option they will be having on each particular day so that they can notify their teacher and then pass this on to the kitchen to ensure that they know how much to prepare.

Pupil Premium

Do you qualify for the Premium? If you receive income support and have household income of less than £7400, you may be able to benefit from additional support. This will help with school diners, trips and visits, and even purchasing school uniform. Please speak to Mrs Smith in the office who will be able to provide more information.

Medications

Children must not have any medication stored in their bags or on their person throughout the school day.

If your child is feeling a little under the weather, we are happy to administer calpol or medicine as per your request. Please ensure that all medicine is deposited at the school office and ensure that you have completed a medication form, available at the office.

We ask those parents who have children with prescription medication in school (including inhalers) to ensure that these are within date. Please feel free to pop into the office if you wish to check the dates of any medication. Thank you!



Greenvale dates

This year, we are using a brand new calendar tool on our website. We have finalised dates for much of the year. Please feel free to look at the calendar on the website and take note of these key dates.

We will try and keep this as up to date as possible! To access the calendar, please click on the following link.

<https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/parent-info/school-calendar/>

A big thank you to all of our families who were able to raise £1010 for the NSPCC during the summer term!





We will be continuing the drive to improve children's confidence and fluency with their times tables. Each child from Y1 to Y6 has a login for Times Table Rockstars. If you are unsure of this or your child has forgotten their password, please get in contact with your child's class teacher.

It is essential that children regularly practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars as this will help them considerably with other areas of maths.

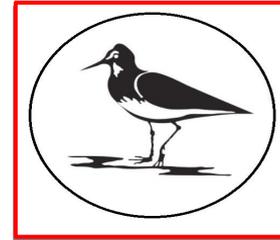
Sandpiper Awards

At Greenvale we have a separate awards system for children working to learn all of their times tables.

The system works very much like karate belts which are outlined below. Red and Yellow awards are spoken assessments with Mr Bowden however from Blue upwards, children have to answer 40 written questions correctly in three minutes. Children have the option to be tested on a weekly basis.

Please encourage your children to work towards their next award. Small button badges for children who have achieved their Sandpiper awards are also available for 50p from the school office.

- Red - Number bonds to 10
- Yellow - Number bonds to 20 (Expected by end of Y1)
- Blue - x2, x5, x10 (Expected by the end of Y2)
- Green - x3, x6
- Purple - x4, x8
- Orange - x9, x11
- Bronze - x7, x12
- Silver - All times tables
- Gold - All tables and division facts (By the end of Y4)



Contact information

It is really important that the school office have accurate and up to date contact details for each of our families. If your details have changed, or, if the name / details as your alternative carer have changed, please either pop in and see Mrs Smith in the office or send an email to enquiries@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk. Many thanks

Lining up in the morning

As you will be aware, in the mornings, the children line up in the playground, ready to make their way into the classroom. We will be asking the children to begin lining up in register order. This is to become familiar with this order so that during a fire alarm, we would be able to quickly work out if any children were missing.



End of the day

Please can we ask that at the end of the day, that families make their way out of the playground so that we are able to close the gate and allow the after school club children to use the grounds. Thank you for your assistance with this.

New roof for Y4 and Y5

We are pleased to announce that following a number of leaks in recent years, over the summer holidays, the council have repaired the roof on our Y4 and Y5 classrooms. This will make a considerable difference to the classrooms and ensure that they are water-tight over the winter months.



Thank you Lloyds!

A very big thank you to Lloyds bank who yet again have supported the school by sending a number of people in to help repaint the hall. It looks so much cleaner and has made a real improvement to the space!

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